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SUBJECT: MGIN01: MUMBAI MONITORING GROUP SITUATION

REPORT NO. 6

CLASSIFIED BY S/ES-O MARIO M. MESQUITA, REASON: 1.4 (b) and (d).

TAJ HOTEL CLEAN-UP SLOWED, FOURTH TERRORIST BODY FOUND

1. (SBU) Indian commandos are proceeding with caution and sweeping the hotel for unexploded ordnance. Indian security officials told ConGen Mumbai there might be an additional 40 to 50 bodies inside the Taj Mahal Hotel. (MG/ConGen Mumbai telcon)

2. (SBU) Six AmCits are confirmed dead, and two are confirmed injured. ConGen Mumbai believes it has accounted for all other AmCits known to have been at the hotels and expects to gain access to the sites on November 30. (MG/ConGen Mumbai telcon)

3. (SBU) ConGen Mumbai continues to receive confirmation of additional foreign casualties. Nine Israelis, one Thai, and one Singaporean were among those killed. (MG/ConGen Mumbai telcon, Mumbai 553)

INDIA INVESTIGATES TERRORIST CONNECTION TO PAKISTAN

¶4. (SBU) Although ConGen Mumbai cautions these are uncorroborated reports, media claim the terrorists might have arrived via boat from Karachi, and authorities discovered an abandoned ship off shore on which the captain was found murdered. A cell phone found on the vessel reportedly had been used to make calls to Pakistan. Indian officials also claim to have captured at least one of the attackers, who might be of Pakistani origin. (Mumbai 553, CNN)

PAKISTAN STILL NONCOMMITTAL ON ISI VISIT TO INDIA

¶5. (C) Embassy Islamabad Charg Feierstein met with Pakistani FM Qureshi and urged Pakistan to keep its initial commitment to send ISI Director Pasha to India. Qureshi acknowledged the importance of defusing the situation, but was noncommittal on sending Pasha. (Islamabad 3718)

SOME OUTBOUND COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS DELAYED

¶6. (SBU) Northwest/KLM and Delta will not have available seats on outbound flights until at least December 3. Passengers needing to depart earlier must seek reservations on other commercial airlines, which are operating normally. ConGen Mumbai continues to assist AmCits with onward travel plans. (MG/ConGen Mumbai telcon)

¶7. (U) Minimize considered.
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